

June 7, 2022

To: Mayor and Members of City Council
From: John P. Curp, Interim City Manager
Subject: Emergency Ordinance for a Plan amendment – Addendum to the *Mt. Lookout Neighborhood Business District Urban Design Plan* (1998)

Transmitted is an Emergency Ordinance for a Plan amendment captioned:

AMENDING the *Mt. Lookout Neighborhood Business District Urban Design Plan* (1998) by appending an addendum that identifies contributing and noncontributing buildings located within the Mt. Lookout Neighborhood Business District.

The City Planning Commission recommended approval of the Emergency Ordinance for a Plan amendment at its June 3, 2022 meeting.

Summary:

In October of 2021, the Cincinnati Zoning Code was amended in Chapter 1437 - Urban Design Overlay Districts. Changes were made regarding demolition and new construction review standards since there had been an increase in applications for development in these districts and a need to add clarity to these standards and procedures.

In response to this change, the staff of the Department of City Planning and Engagement is offering to work with neighborhoods with UDODs to amend their Urban Design Plans with a list of buildings in the UDOD classified as either “contributing” and “noncontributing” to the urban design character of the district. The classifications are determined based on a combination of the City Municipal Zoning Code (Chapter 1437 Urban Design Overlay Districts), neighborhood Urban Design Plans, and community input. This classification process allows neighborhoods to build consensus around which buildings and characteristics are assets to their neighborhood and which buildings are opportunities for future redevelopment. Mt. Lookout is the first neighborhood to requested to undergo this process.

The City Planning Commission recommended the following on June 3, 2022, to City Council:

APPROVE a proposed addendum to the *Mt. Lookout Neighborhood Business District Urban Design Plan* (1998) with a list of contributing and noncontributing buildings in the Mount Lookout Urban Design Overlay District.

cc: Katherine Keough-Jurs, FAICP, Director, Department of City Planning and Engagement